

THE DE-
cree for Tythes, to
bee payde in Lon-
don.

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The Decree for Tithes, to bee payed in London.

A touching the pay-
ments of Tithes in the
Citty of London, and the
Liberties of the same:

It is fully ordered and
decreed by the most reuerend Father
in God Thomas Archbishop of Can-
terbury, Primate and Metropolitane
of all England. Thomas Lord Wrio-
thesley, and Lord Chancelour of Eng-
land. William Lord Saint Iohn, pre-
sident of the Kings Maiesties Coun-
sell, and Lorde great Maister of hys
Highnes household, Iohn Lord Russell,
Lord priuie seale, Edward Earle of
Hertford, Lord great Chamberlaine
of England, Iohn viscount Lisle high
Admirall of England, Richard Lister
Knight chiefe Justice of England, and
Roger Cholmeley Knight, chiefe Es-
ron of his Graces Eschequer, this

The decree for tithes,
present twenty and foure day of Fe-
bruary, Anno Domini secundum cur-
sum & computationem Ecclesię Ange-
licanę millesimo quingentesimo qua-
dragesimo quinto, according to the Sta-
tute in such case lately provided. That
the Cittizens and inhabitants of the
sayd Citty of London and Liberties of
the same, for the time being, shall
yeerely without fraud or couin for euer
pay their tithes to the Parsons, Vi-
cars, and Curates of the sayd Citty,
and their successours for the time be-
ing, after the rate hereafter follow-
ing, that is to wit, of every tenne shil-
lings rent by yeare of all and euerie
house and houses, shops, warehouses,
sellers, and stables, and euery of them,
within the saide Citty and Liberties
of the same sixtene pence halfe penny.
And of euery twenty shillings rent by
yeare of all and euery such house and
houses, shops, warehouses, sellers,
and stables, and euery of them, with-
in the saide Citty and Liberties, two
shillings and nine pence : And so a-
boue the rent of twenty shillings by

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yeare, ascending from x. s. to x. s. according to the rate afoze said.

Item that where any lease is or shall be made of any dwelling house or houses, shops, warehouses, sellers, or stables, or of any of them, by fraud or couin, reseruing lesse rent then hath been accustomed, or is, or that any such lease shall be made without any rent reserved upon the same, by reason of anie fine or income payd before hand, or by anie other fraud or couin: That then in every such case the tenaunt or farmour, tenants or farmours thereof, shall pay for his or their tithes of the same, after the rate afoze said, according to the quantitie of such rent or rents, as the same house or houses, shops, warehouses, sellers, or stables, or any of them were last letten for, without fraud or couin before the making of such lease.

Item that every owner or owners, inheritor or inheritors, of any dwelling house or houses, shopps, warehouses, sellers, or stables, or anie of them within the said Citty & liberties,

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inhabiting or occupying the same him-
selfe or themselves, shall pay after such
rate of tithe as is aboue sayde, after
the quantity of such yearely rent, as
the same was last letten for, without
fraud or couin.

Item if any person or persons haue
taken, or hereafter shall take any mese
or mansion place by lease, and the ta-
ker or takers therof his or their execu-
tors or assignes doth or shall inhabite
in part therof, and haue or hath with-
in viij. yeares last past before this or-
der or hereafter will or shall let out
the residue of the same: That then in
such case, the principall Farmour or
Farmours or first taker or takers ther-
of, his or their executors or assignes,
shall pay his or their tithes after the
rate afoze said, according to his or their
quantity therein, and that his or theyr
executors assigne or assignes, shall pay
his or their tithes after the rate aboue
sayd, according to the quantity of his
or their rent by yeare.

And that if any person or persons,
haue or shall take diuers mansion hou-
ses,

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ses, shops, warehouses, sellers, or stables in one lease, and letteth, or shall let out one or more of the said houses, and keepeth or shall keepe one or more in his or their owne hands, and inhabiteth or inhabiten in the same : That then the said taker or takers, and his or their executors or assignes, shall pay his or their tithes after the rate aboue sayd, according to the quantity of the yearele rent of such mansion house or houses retayned in his or their hands. And that his assigne or assignes of the residue of the sayde mansion house or houses shall pay his or their yearclie tithes after the rate aboue said, according to the quantity of their yearely rents.

Item if such Farmour or Farmours, or his or their assignes of any mansion houses, warehouses, shops, sellers, or stables, hath at any time within eight yeares last past, or shall hereafter let ouer all the sayd mansion house or houses contayned in his or their lease to one person or to diuers persons : That then the inhabitants leases or occupi-

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ers of them, and of euery of them shal
pay their tithes, after the rate of such
rents as the said inhabitants, leases,
or occupiers, and their assigne or as-
signes, been or shal be charged withal,
without fraud or conin.

Item if anie dwelling house with-
in eight yeares last past was or haere
after shal be conuerted into a ware-
house, storehouse, or such like, or if a
warehouse, storehouse, or such lyke
within the saide eight yeares, was or
haerafter shal be conuerted into a dwel-
ling house: That then the occupier or
occupiers thereof shal pay tithes for
the same, after the rate aboue declared
of mansion house rents.

Item that where anie person shal
demise anie Diehouse or Brewhouse
with implements conuenient and ne-
cessarie for dying or brewing, reser-
uing a rent vpon the same, as well in
respect of such implementes, as in
respect of such Diehouse or Brew-
house. That then the tenaunt shal
pay his tithes, after such rate as is a-
boue said, the third peny abated. And
that

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that euery pꝛincipall house oꝛ houses
with key oꝛ wharf, hailing any Crane
oꝛ gibet belonging to the same, shall
pay after like rate of their rents as is
aforesaid the thirde penny abated . And
that other wharfes belonging to hou-
ses, hauing no Crane oꝛ gibet, shal pay
foꝛ their tithes as shalbe paid foꝛ man-
sion houses in foꝛme aforesaid.

Item that where any mansion house
with a shoppe, stable, warehouses,
wharf, with Crane, timberyard, tein-
teryard, oꝛ Garden belonging to the
same, oꝛ as parcell of the same, is oꝛ
shall be occupied together, that if the
same be hereafter seuered oꝛ deuided,
oꝛ at any time within viij. yeares last
past were seuered oꝛ deuided : That
then the farmour oꝛ farmours, occupi-
er, oꝛ occupiers, thereof shall pay such
tithes as aboue said foꝛ such shops, sta-
ble, warehouse, wharfe, with Crans,
timberyard, teinteryard, oꝛ garde afoꝛe
said so seuered oꝛ deuided after y^e rate of
their seuerall rents ther vpon reserued.

Item that the sayde Cittizens and
inhabitaunts shall paye theyꝝ tithes
quar,

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quarterly, that is to say, at the feast of
Easter, the Nativity of S. Iohn Bap-
tist, the feast of S. Michael the Arch-
angell, and the nativity of our Lord by
even portions.

Item that euery houlholder paying
ten shillings rent or aboue, shall for
him or her selfe be discharged of theyr
foure offering dayes: but his wife,
childzen, seruant, or others of their fa-
mily, taking their rights of the church
at Easter, shall pay two pence for their
foure offering dayes yereely.

Provided alwayes, and it is decreed,
that if any house or houses, which hath
been, or hereafter shall be letten for
tenne shillings rent by yere or moze,
be or hath at any time within eyght
yeares last passed, or hereafter shal be
devided and leasid into small parcels
or members, yelding lesse yereely rent
then tenne shillings by yeare: That
then the owner or owners, if hee or
they dwell in any part of such house,
or else the principall lease or leases, if
the owner or owners doe not dwell in
some part of the same, shal from hence-
forth

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fo^rth pay fo^r his o^r their tithes , after
such rate of rent as the same house was
accustomed to be letten fo^r befo^re such
dewtiō o^r deviding into parts o^r mem-
bers . And the vnder sharmour and
sharmours, lease and leases, to be dis-
charged of all tithes , fo^r such small
parcels, parts, o^r members rented at
lesse yearely rents then ten shillings
by yeare, without fraud o^r couin, pay-
ing two pence a pēce yearely fo^r their
foure offering dayes.

Prōvided alway, and it is decreēde,
that fo^r such Gardens as appertayne
not to any manſien house , and which
any person o^r persons, holdeth o^r shall
hold in his o^r their hands fo^r pleasure,
o^r to his owne vse , that then the per-
son so holding the same shall pay no
tithes fo^r the same. But if any person
o^r persons , which holdeth , and shall
holde any such Garden , contayning
halfe an Acre o^r moze , doth o^r shall
make any yearely profit therof by way
of sale : that then he o^r they shall pay
tithes fo^r the same , after such rate of
his rent , as is hērein first aboue spe-
cified.

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cised.

Provided also that if any such Gar-
dens now being of the quantity of half
an Acre or more, be hereafter by fraud
or couin deuided into any lesse quantity
or quantities, then to pay tithe, accor-
ding to the rate aboue said.

Provided alway that this decreë shal
not extend to the houses of great men,
or noble men, or noble women, kept in
their owne hands, and not letten for
any rent, which in time past hath pay-
ed no tithes, so long as they shal so con-
tinue vnletten, nor to any hals of crafts
or companies so long as they be kept
vuletten, so that the same hals in time
past haue not vsed to pay any tithes.

Provided alwayes, and it is decreëd,
that this p̄sent order and decreë shal
not in anie wise extende to binde or
charge any sheds, stables, sellers, tim-
ber yards, no tēynter yards, which
were neuer parcell of any dwelling
house, ne appertayning or belonging
to any dwelling house, ne haue accu-
stomed to pay any tithes: but that the
said Citizens & inhabitants shal therof
be

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be quiet of payment, of any tithes, as it hath been vsed and accustomed.

Provided also, and it is decreede, that where lesse summe then after the rate of sixtene pence halspeny in the tenne shillings rent, or lesse summe then two shillings and nine pence in the twenty shillings rent, hath beene accustomed to be payd for tithes, that then in such places, the saide Cittizens and inhabitants shall pay but only after such rate as hath been accustomed.

Item, it is also decreede, that if any variance, controuersie, or strife doe or shall heereafter arise in the sayd Cittie for no payment of any tithes: or if any variance or doubt arise vpon the true knowledge or diuision of any rent or tiths within the liberties of the said Cittie, or of any extent or assemblant thereof, or if anie doubt rise vpon any other thing contayned within this decree: that then vpon complaint made by the party greued to y^e Mayor of the City of London for the time being, the sayd Mayor by the aduise of counsaile shall call the sayd parties before him, and

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and make a finall ende in the same,
with costs to be rewarded at the dis-
cretion of the sayd Maire and his assi-
stants, according to the intent and pur-
pose of this present decree.

And if that the said Maire make not
an end therof within two moneths af-
ter complaint to him made, or if any of
the sayd parties finde themselves grie-
ued: That then the Lord Chaunceller
of England for the time being upon
complaint to him made within three
moneths then next following, shall
make an ende of the same, with such
costs to be rewarded as shalbe thought
conuenient, according to the intent
and purpose of this said decree.

Decided alwayes, that if any per-
son or persons take any tenement for a
lesse rent then was accustomed to be
letten for, by reason of any great ruine
and decay, burning, or such like occasi-
ons or mis-fortunes: That then such
person or persons, his executors or as-
signes shall pay tithes onely after the
rate of the rent reserved in his or their
lease, and none otherwise, as long as
the same lease shall endure.

